

NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

SC Department of Health and Environmental Control
Bureau of Water
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Public Notice No. 18-024-R

Date: March 29, 2018

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REISSUANCE OF A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT

The following applicant has reapplied for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to discharge treated wastewater into waters of the State of South Carolina. The NPDES permit contains effluent limitations on the amounts of pollutants allowed to be discharged, based upon preliminary staff review and application of the Federal Clean Water Act, the SC Pollution Control Act, and other lawful standards and appropriate regulations. The pollutant limitations and other permit conditions are tentative and open to comment from the public.

APPLICANT: COLUMBIA CITY OF, FACILITY NAME: COLUMBIA/METRO PLANT (RICHLAND COUNTY/COLUMBIA EQC OFFICE), NPDES permit #SC0020940, PO BOX 147, COLUMBIA, SC 29217-0147. The facility is located at 1200 Simmon Tree Lane, Columbia, SC 29201. The facility has 1 discharge point: 001-treated sanitary wastewater, discharging to: Congaree River; The Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code for the facility is 4952. The receiving streams are classified Class FW: freshwaters suitable for primary and secondary contact recreation and as a source for drinking water supply after conventional treatment in accordance with the requirements of the Department. Suitable for fishing and the survival and propagation of a balanced indigenous aquatic community of fauna and flora. Suitable also for industrial and agricultural uses. Sludge solids will be transported to the Richland County Landfill, #402401-1101 (formerly 402400-1101 and DWP-126) under conditions outlined in the NPDES permit. A fact sheet is available. Groundwater will be monitored at 3 monitoring wells. This Permit when issued will supersede an existing permit which expired on September 30, 2015. The Department has received certification from the Central Midlands Council of Governments that this proposed discharge permit is in conformance with the approved Water Quality Management Plan (208 Plan) for their area. The Department has made the preliminary decision, based on this certification, that this discharge complies with Section D.(2), Antidegradation of the State Water Quality Standards in that it is necessary to important economic or social development. This notice provides for additional intergovernmental coordination on this proposed decision. This renewal will include an expansion (including higher, less stringent limits, or higher tiers than previous permit).

APPLICANT: EAST RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, FACILITY NAME: EAST RICH CO PSD/GILLS CREEK (RICHLAND COUNTY/COLUMBIA EQC OFFICE), NPDES permit #SC0038865, 704 ROSS RD, COLUMBIA, SC 29223. The facility is located at 1050 White House Road, Columbia SC 29209-3511. The facility has 1 discharge point: 001-treated sanitary wastewater, discharging to: Congaree River; The Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code for the facility is 4952. The receiving streams are classified Class FW: freshwaters suitable for primary and secondary contact recreation and as a source for drinking water supply after conventional treatment in accordance with the requirements of the Department. Suitable for fishing and the survival and propagation of a balanced indigenous aquatic community of fauna and flora. Suitable also for industrial and agricultural uses. Sludge solids will be transported to the Republic Svrs. Inc./N.E. Sanitary LF permit #402434-1101 (1581 Westvaco Rd., Eastover, SC 29044) or Republic Svrs, Inc./Lee Co LF, permit #312411-1101 (1431 Sumter Hwy, Bishopville, SC 29010) or Waste Mgmt./Richland LF, permit #402401-1101(1047 Hwy. Church Rd., Elgin, SC 29045. A fact sheet is available. This Permit when issued will supersede an existing permit which expired on May 31, 2015.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to permit issuance or to the proposed permit limitations and conditions are invited to submit same in writing within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice to the attention of: Weijia Hu; SC DHEC; Water Facilities Permitting Division; 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; Telephone: 803-898-4256. The permit number should be placed at the top of the first page of comments. When there is a significant degree of public interest in a permit or group of permits, the Department may hold a public hearing. SC DHEC is not involved in zoning, land use, or property value issues. Please contact your local County or Municipal officials for questions or concerns on these issues. All comments received within the 30-day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the permit. All persons submitting written comments will be notified of the final determinations. Requests for adjudicatory hearings may be filed after the above described determinations have been made. Additional information regarding adjudicatory hearings is available from the Legal Office at the above Department address or by calling 803-898-3350. Additional information on proposed permit determinations and on hearing procedures is available by writing or calling the Department at the above address or telephone number. Copies of a specific application or draft permit of interest to an individual, organization, or company must be requested in writing. A fee schedule has been established for processing these requests: Reproduction of documents - \$0.25 per page. Requests must be mailed to the Freedom of Information Office at 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201, phone number: 803-898-3882; or requests may be faxed to the Freedom of Information Office at 803-898-3816. Arrangements can be made to review all the permit information at the Freedom of Information Office on the third floor of the Sims Building across from Peebles Auditorium.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons you know will be interested in this matter.

